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SUBJECT: HOLBROOKE-SASAKI CALL

1. THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP), HIROMU SASAKI, AND TWO DSP DIET MEMBERS CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE ON SEPT 15 AND TALKED EXCLUSIVELY ABOUT KOREA. SASAKI SAID THAT AS RESULT OF DSP MISSION TO SEOUL, HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE SECURITY OF THE ROK AND WONDERED WHAT EFFECT THE PARK TONGSUN CASE MIGHT HAVE ON GENERAL US-ROK RELATIONS AND PARTICULARLY ON THE PROPOSED US GROUND TROOP WITHDRAWALS.

2. HOLBROOKE STATED THAT US SECURITY COMMITMENT TO ROK REMAINED FIRM, THAT TROOP WITHDRAWAL WOULD BE CAREFUL AND CAUTIOUS; AND THAT WE PLANNED, SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, TO TURN OVER THE EQUIPMENT OF THE SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION AS WE WITHDRAW, LEAVING AIRPOWER AND OTHER FORCES IN PLACE. HOLBROOKE NOTED THAT ROK RELUCTANCE TO RETURN
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PARK TONGSUN TO THE UNITED STATES COULD ALIENATE CONGRESSIONAL OPINION AND SEVERELY COMPLICATE THE PROCESS OF GAINING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR EQUIPMENT TRANSFERS AND MILITARY COMPENSATION.

3. SASAKI ASKED IF THE US COULD ARREST OR TAKE TESTIMONY FROM PARK TONGSUN IN KOREA; HOLBROOKE REPLIED THAT WE COULD

NOT ARREST HIM BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF AN EXTRADITION
TREATY. THE US IS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INTER-
VIEW, BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHETHER AN INTERVIEW WILL BE FEAS-
IBLE OR WILL SATISFY POLITICAL OR LEGAL REQUIREMENTS IN
THE US. CONCERNING WHAT RELATIONSHIP A CONGRESSIONAL CUT
IN AID WOULD HAVE ON OUR PROPOSED GROUND TROOP WITHDRAWAL
HOLBROOKE SAID THAT FIRST WE WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE
LEGAL PHASE AND AWAIT THE CONGRESSIONAL REACTION BUT
THAT HE THOUGHT THAT AT A MINIMUM WE WOULD TURN OVER THE
EQUIPMENT OF THE SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION TO THE ROK. VANCE

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